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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1-14 (Cancelled)
- 15. (New) A portable power outlet protection system, comprising: a manifold comprising a first portion and a second portion; means for securing said portions in a closed position; at least one power outlet positioned within said manifold; and wherein at least a part of said manifold is constructed of fire-resistant material.
- 16. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein said manifold further comprises means for skid-resistance.
- 17. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein said manifold further comprises at least one ventilation aperture.
- 18. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein said manifold further comprises at least one conduit aperture.
- 19. (New) The system of claim 15, further comprising means for gathering and storing electrical cord within said manifold.
- 20. (New) The system of claim 15, further comprising means for attaching said outlet to the interior of said manifold.
- 21. (New) A portable power outlet protection system, comprising: a manifold comprising a first portion and a second portion;

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at least one power outlet located within said manifold;

a child-resistant means for securing said portions in a closed position; and wherein at least a part of said manifold is constructed of fire resistant material.

- 22. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said manifold further comprises means for skid-resistance.
- 23. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said manifold further comprises at least one ventilation aperture.
- 24. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein said manifold further comprises at least one conduit aperture.
- 25. (New) The system of claim 21, further comprising means for gathering and storing electrical cord within said manifold.
- 26. (New) The system of claim 21, further comprising means for attaching said outlet to an interior surface of said manifold.
- 27. (New) A method for protecting a portable power strip, comprising the steps of: acquiring a manifold having:
 - a first portion;
- a second portion releasably attached to said first portion wherein said portions define an interior; and
- a power strip with surge protection located within said interior; wherein at least a part of said manifold is constructed of fire-resistant material; and plugging at least one electrical cord into said power outlet.
- 28. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of providing a child-resistant means for securing said portions in a closed position.

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- 29. (New) A portable power outlet protection system, comprising:
 a manifold comprising a first portion and a second portion;
 at least one power outlet located within said manifold; and,
 a child-resistant means for securing said portions in a closed position.
- 30. (New) The system of claim 29, further comprising means for gathering and storing electrical cord within said manifold.
- 31. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein said manifold further comprises means for skid-resistance.